

**Andrew Burnaby to George Washington, June 23, 1760,
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FROM THE REV. ANDREW BURNABY.

PHILADELPHIA June 23d. 1760. — —

SIR

I arrived here the 15th. past, after an Agreeable journey; and desire you will think me extremely obliged to you for the favour you did me in sending me to Annapolis, and by the letters you gave me to recommend me. I had not an Opportunity of seeing Mr. Sharp; but Dr. Maclean has behaved with the greatest Politeness to me, introduced me to General Stanwix by Mr. Doe his Aid de Camp, and contrived for me to go on a fishing Party with about 15 or 16 Ladies & 8 or 10 Gentlemen to the Schuikill. We dined Upon a Turtle &c drank Tea in the Afternoon & returned in the Evening. Philadelphia is beyond my Expectation; and when I consider that it contains near 20,000 Inhabitants of Many Nations and Religions; that it Employs one Year with Another 350 Vessels; that it has a well regulated Police; and is in beauty, Trade, Riches, not inferior to many cities in Europe, I am lost in Admiration of that Great Man Mr. Penn, who by his Wisdom and vast foresight, has been able to accomplish such things. I believe I shall set out for New York either Wednesday or thursday, shall stay there about a Week, and from thence to Boston for about the same time, from Whence in about a Month I shall expect to see England, where I shall hope to have the pleasure of hearing from you very soon. — — We have very little News here; the Seige of Quebec is certainly raised; and it is said we have taken about half a dozen store ships; from Whence it is hoped the Remains of the French Army must

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certainly be reduced to the greatest distress. The Merchants in this Place were much Alarmed the other day by hearing that Many of their flags of truce Ships to the Value of better than 100 000 £ sterling were taken in the West Indies; this Evening however they have recovered their looks a little, as a Vessel from Jamaica has brought them an Account that About Eleven are already Acquitted. ---

General Amherst has not yet left Albany, at least he had not, when the last accounts arrived; People begin to Wonder. One of the Miss Hopkinsons (perhaps you may know her) was married last thursday to Mr. Duchè a Young Clergyman here. This I think is everything that can possibly come under the Article of News, Unless I was to tell you of a very violent thunder Gust which happened last Monday & struck two or three horses in Town here; though this to an American has very little Novelty in it;¹ for which reason, Sir, I believe I must desire you to make My Compliments to Mrs. Washington, & conclude by Assuring You that I am with the greatest respect

Your Much Obligated, Most Obedient, and Most Humble servant A. BURNABY

¹ In summer there are frequent and violent gusts, with thunder and lightning; but as the country is very thinly inhabited, and most of the gentry have electrical rods to their houses, they are not attended with many fatal accidents. — Burnaby's Travels in North America.